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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 23RD, 1908.

BARON KOMURA, the Japanese Ambassador to London, is telegraphically reported to have stated at a luncheon that the change of Government in Japan does not mean a break in the continuity of Japan's policy.

The business men of the country view it, the policy of the late Government has not tended to the improvement of the country's internal resources, but has definitely checked their healthy development.

The United Chambers of Commerce in Japan have recently endorsed a report prepared by a Special Committee which sets out with perspicuity and frankness the grievances the business men of the country have against the Government.

They condemn the Government for having embarked on a financial programme of enormous dimensions, that

for planning an ill-considered scheme for excessive armaments, and they urge the imperative necessity for an amendment of this armament scheme and the exercise of the strictest economy with a view to the adjustment of the State's outgoings to a proper and fixed sum of income.

In this indictment we are reminded that after the war the nation, having been disappointed

in the expectations of valuable compensation, fell into a state of despondency, and economic circles lost their activity until the Government announced its intention of carrying out post-bellum enterprises "in conformity with a positive policy."

The Government, utilising the fever of enterprise that then arose among the people, and taking advantage of the momentum of a victorious war, framed a largely extended programme of finance, converted into ordinary taxes the extraordinary special imposts levied on account of the war, and in addition to the State monopolies of tobacco, salt and camphor, carried out "the precipitate measure of railway nationalisation," thus largely extending the sphere of State enterprises, and doing everything in its power to increase the revenue. "In all these things" the Report says "is to be found the reason for the unfortunate times that have now overtaken economic circles, from the stock market downwards." When the Government saw that in spite of these measures it could not possibly obtain all the funds it needed, the Report complains that they did not reduce their programme, but on the contrary the officials persisted in carrying out their policy of undue armaments" and, in order to provide for the anticipated expenditure, adhered to the device of public loans, which finally ended in failure and impaired the country's credit in foreign markets. Then

the Government proceeded to increase the taxes, causing considerable resentment among the people. This, together with the news of the failure of attempts to obtain further money abroad, produced a sudden change in business circles; shares fell sharply, the banks adopted a conservative attitude, finance drifted into a critical condition, and the general tendency, to say nothing of the question of fluctuations in the share market, was in the direction of a panicky feeling. The Report proceeds:—

In spite of those circumstances the Government, experiencing difficulty in maintaining its

finances, issued treasury bills in excess, and thus contributed to the depreciation of negotiable securities. Then at the close of 1907, it suddenly raised the price of tobacco, and persisting in its policy, compiled a grossly unsatisfactory budget for the fiscal year 1908-9, which included a scheme of new taxes to cover the deficiency of income. The passing of this measure deepened the distress in business circles, and thereafter, at the close of March, in opposition to its pledges to the nation and to the latter's hopes, the Government adopted a wrong system for repaying the first War Loan, having recourse to competitive discount, and thus making plain the fact that it desired in every possible way to avoid paying out ready money. The consequence was that a greatly larger sum for securities, and finally the existing situation was reached.

BARON KOMURA is supported apparently by Prince Ito in his statement that the change of Government which has taken place does not mean a break in the continuity of the Japanese policy. If that is so the reasons for the change are not very obvious. The ostensible reason is the ill-health of Marquis SAIONJI. Public opinion in Japan, however, regards the change as marking an important crisis in Japanese financial affairs, and it is obvious that unless some material change in the financial policy of the country is shortly announced, unless in short the indictment of the Chambers of Commerce can be met by positive proof that Japan is devoting her energies to the improvement of her internal resources, rather than on sinister military developments, the panicky feeling which is growing in the country itself is bound to be increasingly reflected in the money markets abroad. We can hardly doubt that the gravity of the situation is fully appreciated by the new Ministry, and that even though it may not venture upon a direct reversal of the policy which has evoked so much resentment, some scheme of readjustment may be possible which will serve to restore and strengthen public confidence.

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A Tientsin paper reports that Colonel Rinoh, Cameron Highlanders, has been very ill at Shantung, but is now convalescent.

An Italian subject named Vigna, an entrepreneur on the Yunnan line, has been shot by Yunnanese and his body thrown into a river.

A man named Albert Horatz (alias Wagner, alias Mission) who had absconded from Shanghai with considerable sums of money has been arrested at Hankow.

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Mr. T. M. Haskins, Chinese Secretary to the American Legation at Peking, died of supposed cholera at Peking on the 12th inst. He had just been promoted to be Vice-Consul-General at Shanghai and was quite a young man.

On the 9th July a child was born to Prince Tao (the Emperor's brother). This is the second child and is to be named Pu Kai.

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. J. R. Wood sentenced a coolie to six weeks' imprisonment for stealing 13lb of nails from the Kowloon Godowns.

The Ministry of Rites has asked the Ministry of Finance for Taels 200,000 for the purpose of purchasing presents for the Dalai Lama on his arrival in Peking.

The Board of War has wired to the Viceroy of Liang Hu stating that it should be made known to the officers under their control that it is forbidden them to make soldiers do the work of household servants.

A native who was charged before Mr. J. H. Kam at the Magistracy yesterday with stealing a gold medal from a houseboy at Aberdeen, was fined \$10, and ordered to pay \$4.20 compensation, the price of the medal.

The Chinese Merchants in the South Seas (says Chinese Public Opinion) are willing to subscribe 15,000,000 Taels towards the construction of a Chinese Navy on condition that Chinese men-of-war are stationed in those seas to protect Chinese interests there.

For behaving rudely to Captain Bode of the Imperial German Navy, Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday fined a Kowloon coolie \$1. The defendant said the captain had not paid him so he caught hold of him and would not let go, and the officer in endeavouring to free himself, ripped his coat.

The hearing of the charge of murderous assault preferred against Chang Tsu Hing concluded before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court yesterday afternoon. Defendant admitted in his statement to the police, that he "happened to cut both men with a chopper," and he was committed for trial.

The Court of Directors of the British North Borneo Company recommend the payment of a dividend of 4 per cent. for the year ending December 31st 1907. This is the highest dividend yet declared by the company, and compares with 3 per cent. distributed for each of the two preceding years, and 2 per cent. for the years 1899-1905.

At a meeting of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Chinese Churches Committee held at the Y.M.C.A. rooms on Monday evening it was decided to pay over to the Flood Relief Fund Committee, the balance remaining on hand, amounting to over \$500, from the subscriptions raised towards the Relief Fund by the United Chinese Christian Churches, and Chinese Y.M.C.A.

A big fire occurred in Tientsin on the 13th inst. when the Arcades in the French Concession was destroyed. The building belonged to the Tientsin Land Investment Co. Ltd. It was insured and will be rebuilt. The general Arcades Amusement Co. were insured in a German office only a few days before for \$15,000, but it is stated that the salvages will bring in good sum and the loss will not be a heavy one.

There seems to be a growing demand in China for foreign loans. The Throne has sanctioned the raising of a foreign loan for the purpose of redeeming the Lu Hau railway. A Haukow paper states that the Wai-Wu-pu has raised a loan of Tls. 1,000,000 for three years at seven per cent per annum interest from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the sum to be devoted to the needs of the Ministry of Posts and Communications. We see it also stated that the Kiangnan Railway administration desire a foreign loan of three million dollars.

With reference to the recent enquiry made from Sweden about Dr. Sven Hedin, it is stated that the Government of India last heard from him last November. He was then at Gartok in Western Tibet and was going on to Khotan for the winter. At the end of November he wrote from Gartok to the authorities at Lhasa stating he had to visit that place this summer. The silence which has since taken place is not surprising, remarks a Burma paper, considering the inaccessible, though not otherwise dangerous, nature of the country in which he is travelling. He is moreover a traveller full of resources and his safety need not yet be despaired of.

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## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Minutes of a monthly meeting of the General Committee held in the Chamber Room, St. George's Building, on Monday, the 13th July, 1908, at 4 p.m. Present:—Messrs. D. R. Law, (Chairman), C. Broderen, J. W. C. Bonner, G. Krieland, J. E. M. Smith, E. Shellim, H. E. Tomkins, Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart and Mr. E. A. M. Williams, (Secretary).

## COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN welcomed Mr. C. Broderen upon him taking his seat as a member of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. H. Keswick resigned his seat on the Committee owing to his departure from the Colony, and a reply was sent to him conveying the thanks of the Committee for the valuable services he had rendered to the Chamber during the past year.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting and of the special meeting held on the 16th and 26th May, respectively, were read, and confirmed.

## OPIUM QUESTION.

The following acknowledgement from the Government was read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
21st May, 1908.

SIR.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant covering a resolution passed by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce on the 16th instant on the subject of the closing of Opium Dives in Hongkong.

In reply, I am to inform you that a copy of the Resolution will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for the consideration of His Majesty's Government.—I am, &c.,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secy.

The Secretary,

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,  
LICENCE FEES ON LIGHTERS AND CARGO BOATS.

The following letter from Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., was read:—

Hongkong, 27th May, 1908.

Dear Sir,—On the 30th ultimo a joint letter was addressed to the Colonial Secretary by the owners of foreign lighters protesting against the recent increase of licence fees.

A reply has been received from the Colonial Secretary which in the opinion of the Signatories to the protest is not considered satisfactory and it has been agreed that the matter should be laid before your Committee with a view of soliciting their assistance in this connection.

For reasons expressed in the correspondence, copies of which are enclosed, it is considered that this matter as affecting Shipping interests is one of more than ordinary importance; we trust therefore that your Committee will afford us all possible assistance.—We are, &c.,

JARDINE MATHESON & Co.,

To the Secretary,  
Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

(Copy)

(Hongkong, 30th April, 1908.)

SIR.—With reference to the recent heavy increase in the licence fees for cargo boats and lighters, notified in the Government Gazette of the 20th ultimo, we, the undersigned owners of private lighters beg that, for reasons hereinafter expressed, the decision of the Government to double the tax already levied on such craft be reconsidered.

We venture to say that it is not equitable, even though it were done previously, to place the cost (acquired for the sole purpose of private craft) on the shoulders of the shipping interests; we trust therefore that your Committee will afford us all possible assistance.—We are, &c.,

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 20th May, 1908.

Gentlemen.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter dated the 30th ultimo, signed by yourselves and certain other shipping firms asking that the decision of the Government to increase the Licence Fees for Lighters that do not ply for hire, may be reconsidered.

In reply, I am to point out that in the past no distinction has been made in the matter of licence fees between cargo boats that ply for hire and lighters that do not; that the fees now imposed are not considered excessive and that the Government regrets that it cannot see its way to reduce them.—I am, &c.,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Chamber of Commerce.

Enclosures were laid on the table.

It was decided to await the further particulars from the Government in this matter, and to then circulate the whole correspondence amongst the members of the Chamber.

CLOUDE OF TIME BALL AT KOWLOON.

The following correspondence was read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
25th June, 1908.

SIR.—With reference to your letter of the 2nd October, 1905, in which a suggestion, which has been acted upon, was made that the Time Ball at Kowloon should be painted black instead of red, I am directed to enquire whether the colour that has been adopted is satisfactory to masters of vessels using the port and others. If it is not, I am to suggest that white might render the ball more distinguishable.—I am, &c.,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1908.

SIR.—Referring to the Colonial Secretary's letter of 25th ultimo, to your goodness, we have made inquiries of masters of the China Navigation Company's steamers using this port and find that they consider the present colour—black—satisfactory, whereas white would be practically indistinguishable at a distance. We would mention, however, that the masters unanimously suggest that the height to which

the ball is hoisted should be increased by 12 feet, for at present the ball is sometimes obscured at the critical moment to distant steamers by the sail of a passing junk or by masts of other steamers.—We are, &c.,

BUTTERFIELD AND SWINE.

E. A. M. Williams, Esq.,  
Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

The Secretary forwarded a copy of this letter to the Colonial Secretary.

TREATY BETWEEN UNITED KINGDOM AND GOVERNMENT OF SERVIA.

The following correspondence was read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
26th June, 1908.

SIR.—I am directed to transmit for the consideration of the Chamber of Commerce the enclosed copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 27th May, 1908, in which Lord Crewe proposes to cause the adherence of this Colony to the Treaty of Commerce between the United Kingdom and Servia which was ratified on the 31st of last March, to be notified to the Servian Government, on or about the 1st January next, unless he is furnished in the meantime with a statement of objections to such a course.

2. His Excellency the Governor will be glad to know whether, in the opinion of the Chamber, any such objections exist.—I am, &c.,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1908.

Dear Sir,—On the 30th ultimo a joint letter was addressed to the Colonial Secretary by the owners of foreign lighters protesting against the recent increase of licence fees.

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JARDINE MATHESON & Co.,

To the Secretary,

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F. J. ABBOT, Acting Superintendent.

After some discussion it was decided that the Secretary should draft a reply to the Government supporting the views of the Shipping Companies interested in the matter with a view of obtaining, if possible, the concession asked for by some Companies in regard to private lighters not plying for hire.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 3rd June, 1908.

SIR.—I am directed to inform you in reply to your letter of 1st May, No. 9454/1907, that several merchants of this Colony have been approached by my Committee with reference to His Excellency's enquiry whether or not any merchant would be prepared to undertake the export, under Government guarantee, of canned lard.

I return herewith the copy of the Treaty and Circular accompanying it.—I have &c.

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The result is sufficiently encouraging to justify my Committee in asking His Excellency to pursue the matter further by approaching the Government of the Philippines, as outlined in the 3rd paragraph of the memorandum accompanying the letter under reply, with the object of obtaining such information as will enable them to place definite knowledge of the Regulations governing the importation of lard into the Philippines at the disposal of the Mercantile Community.

My Committee desire you to convey to His Excellency their thanks and appreciation of his efforts to foster the trade of the Colony.—I am, &c.,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary.

Regulations accompanying letter under reply are returned herewith as requested.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, June, 2nd 1908.

SIR.—With reference to my letter No. 9454/1908 of the 1st ultimo, I am directed to transmit for the consideration of your Committee the enclosed copy of a minute by His Excellency the Governor dated the 31st ultimo, and to inquire whether in the opinion of your Committee,

there is a possibility of developing the Singapore Market for Lard as well as that of the Philippines, and whether it would be possible to establish in Hongkong a tanning industry for hogskins—I am, &c.,

E. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

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F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1908.

SIR.—With reference to our letter to the Colonial Secretary of the 1st May, we have now to enclose for your information copy of his reply to same, dated 20th instant, which cannot be regarded as satisfactory. We think that copies of correspondence might, with advantage, be laid before the local Chamber of Commerce, but before taking these steps we await an expression of your views.—We are, &c.,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1908.

SIR.—With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, in which a suggestion, which has been acted upon, was made that the Time Ball at Kowloon should be painted black instead of red, I am directed to enquire whether the colour that has been adopted is satisfactory to masters of vessels using the port and others. If it is not, I am to suggest that white might render the ball more distinguishable.—I am, &c.,

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The Secretary,  
Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1908.

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The Secretary,  
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Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1908.

SIR.—With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, in which a suggestion, which has been acted upon, was made that the Time Ball at Kowloon should be painted black instead of red, I am directed to enquire whether the colour that has been adopted is satisfactory to masters of vessels using the port and others. If it is not, I am to suggest that white might render the ball more distinguishable.—I am, &c.,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 27th May, 1908.

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All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 22nd July, 1908. 1102

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F. J. ABBOTT, Acting Superintendent. Hongkong, 22nd July, 1908. 1103

## NAVY CONTRACT.

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Forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, and should be returned not later than noon the 27th JULY, 1908.

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Hongkong, 22nd July, 1908. 1099

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, Hotel Mansions, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th August, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of Directors; and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd July to 11th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. E. CLARKE, Secretary. Hongkong 20th July, 1908. 1090

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$3.50 per Share, for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1908, will be payable on the 23rd instant, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary. Hongkong 15th July, 1908. 1074

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By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., General Agents for the WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD. Hongkong, 15th July, 1908. 1076

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Y. SHIBUYA, Acting Manager, No. 2 Pader Street, Hongkong. 16

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